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U OF M ANNOUNCES SALE OF WILLIAMS ARENA COURTSIDE SEATS


Courtside seating will once again be available in Williams Arena for the 1996-97 Golden Gopher men's basketball season. This will mark the third season that 20 front row seats are being made available for auction. Because of continuing demand and the need to meet University revenue goals, the auction will again be held this year.

"The success of the auction format and the generosity of our fans and donors has encouraged us to again make 20 front row seats available to the highest bidders for the 1996-97 season," Men's Athletics Director Mark Dienhart said. "No current season ticket holders will be displaced and the revenue generated will continue to greatly help our revenue picture. We have been told that the fans who held the seats the last two years enjoyed them tremendously and with high renewal rates in Williams Arena, these are the only seats guaranteed to be available."

The 20 seats, located directly behind the scorer's table at courtside, will be awarded to winning fans with a minimum starting bid of \$2,500 per seat, plus the price of the season ticket. "The first year, we produced almost \$60,000 in revenue with these seats," said Jan Unstad, executive director of development. "In the second year, we exceeded \$67,000 in revenue. The auction format is exciting, the seats are terrific, and our fans continue to love college basketball. In addition, people know that their gifts go to help pay scholarship costs for student-athletes. It's an unbeatable combination, and one that we hope will continue to be successful."

Written bids for the courtside seats will be accepted beginning June 3, with bids closing June 26. Information and bid forms are available by calling Jan Unstad at 612/626-7812.

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ZERUHN RECEIVES U OF M CONFERENCE MEDAL OF HONOR

Swimmer Bernie Zeruhn, a senior from Hamburg, Germany, was named the recipient of the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor Wednesday.

Each member school in the Big Ten Conference presents this award annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates a high degree of proficiency in both scholarship and athletics.

Zeruhn, a nine-time All-American for the Golden Gophers during his collegiate career, led the Maroon and Gold this season to its first Big Ten title since 1926 while individually winning three titles (200 fly, 500 and 200 free) and helping three relays (400 medley, 800 and 400 free) earn conference titles.

Earlier this year, Zeruhn was named a GTE Co-Academic All-American of the Year in addition to earning first team Academic All-America honors. He earned his third straight Academic All-Big Ten honor this year and has a 3.93 cumulative GPA (4.00 scale) in the Carlson School of Management.



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GOLDEN GOPHER SWIMMING RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM EIGHT TOP RECRUITS

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving program has received national letters of intent from four top recruits during the NCAA's spring signing period while four other student-athletes have accepted an offer of admission.

Breastroker Oscar Godoi from Sao Paulo, Brazil, freestyle/backstroke Alexandre Massura, from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, butterflyer Yoav Meiri, from Jerusalem, Israel, and IM/distance free/breastroker Brian Howard, from Shawnee Mission, Kan., (Shawnee Mission East High School) inked national letters of intent to attend the University of Minnesota next fall. In addition, free/breastroker Rick Gardiner, from Apple Valley, Minn., distance freestyler Gary Taylor from Shorewood, Minn., (Minnetonka High School) backstroke Adam Frankow from Shelby, Ohio, (the Hawken School, Cleveland, Ohio) and IM/breastroker Marc Teichman from Marquette, Mich., have accepted an offer of admission and will walk on for the Golden Gophers.

"We've shored up areas weakened by graduation and we've brought in some young athletes with impressive credentials," Head Coach Dennis Dale said.

Godoi, a member of the Brazilian National team, is a South America national champion in the breaststroke. He also earned a silver medal in the 1995 Pan-Am Games as a member of the 400 medley relay team.

Massura, a member of the Brazilian Olympic team, earned a gold medal at the '95 Pan-Am Games as a member of the 400 free relay squad. He is considered to be the second fastest Brazilian backstroke.

Meiri, a member of the Israeli National team, was a World Cup finalist in the 200 butterfly. Howard, swimming with the Kansas City Blazers club team, is a multiple event qualifier at the U.S. Junior Nationals and was a 1995 U.S.S. Scholastic All-American.

Gardiner (50 free and 100 breaststroke) and Taylor (distance free) were state finalists at the 1996 Minnesota State Swimming and Diving championships. Frankow, a three-time All-State performer, was an Ohio state high school finalist in the 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle. Teichman is an All-State performer in Michigan and is a Y.M.C.A. All-American in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

"This freshman class is the strongest in the school's history," Dale said. "With this recruiting class and the return of Jono McLeod, we'll be in a strong position to defend our Big Ten title."

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TO: Media Agencies/U of M Athletic Department
FROM: Jim Christman, Media Relations
RE: Dan Morgan

Former Golden Gopher baseball All-American Dan Morgan, 40, died Friday, six weeks after undergoing heart surgery. His heart problems apparently began when he developed a bacterial infection last year.

Morgan went to high school at Duluth East and pitched for the Golden Gophers from 1975 through 1977. The right handed pitcher was named a first team All-American after his junior season in 1977, the last time Minnesota appeared in the College World Series.

He was 22-2 on the hill in three seasons for the Golden Gophers with a 1.97 ERA. His .917 winning percentage is a school record.

Visitation and review will be at the Gearhart Coon Rapids Chapel, 11275 Foley Blvd. NW, on Tuesday, June 4 from 5-8 p.m. The funeral will be held at the United Methodist Church in Coon Rapids, 10506 Hanson Blvd. NW on Wednesday, June 5 at 1 p.m.



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GOPHER TRACK RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

University of Minnesota Head Track and Field coach Phil Lundin announced today that three student-athletes have signed National Letters of Intent to attend Minnesota while two other athletes have accepted offers of admission. Jeremy Polson, Adam Freed and Mark Johannsen inked National Letters of Intent, while Eric Hartmark and Sam Severin have accepted an offer of admission and will walk on for the Golden Gophers.

Three of the five athletes hail from Duluth, Minn. Polson is from Denfeld High School and earned a runner-up finish at the 1995 Minnesota state cross country meet, and holds personal-best times in the mile (4:14) and two-mile (9:12) runs leading into this Saturday's state high school meet. Freed, who attends the Marshall School, is the defending Minnesota Class A champion in the 200 meter dash, and holds top times for the 1996 season in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes. His personal-best times include 21.88 in the 200 meters and 48.54 in the 400 meters. Hartmark hails from Duluth East High School and finished fourth in the 1995 Minnesota cross country championships. He will compete in Saturday's state meet in the mile and two-mile runs.

Joining the three athletes from Duluth are Severin, from Bismarck, N.D., and Johannsen, of Miller, S.D. Severin is a North Dakota state champion in the 400m dash and finished second at the state meet at 800m. He holds personal-best times of 49.5 in the 400 meters and 1:54.9 in the 800 meters. Johannsen earned the South Dakota state meet title in the high jump for 1996, and has cleared a personal-best height of 6-10 1/2.

"All of these athletes are very talented," said Lundin. "They will help us in our quest to win a Big Ten title.

This group of five joins Jason Owen of Stewartville (Minn.) High School and Swedish junior national champion high jumper Staffan Strand as members of Lundin's 1996 recruiting class.



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JUSTICE DISMISSED FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL TEAM

Joe Justice, a junior reserve defensive back, was dismissed from the University of Minnesota football team Friday by Head Coach Jim Wacker for violation of team rules.

Sophomore running back Rafael Cooper, who would have been the team's leading returning rusher, was dismissed from the team earlier this spring for a similar violation, although the incidents are not related according to department information.

"I am angry and profoundly disappointed that certain members of our team so completely disregarded their own obligations and the reputations of their teammates and the University," said Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart in announcing the decision. "We are committed to responding to any and all situations like this as aggressively as necessary to make sure our student-athletes represent this institution in a completely appropriate way."

"This type of behavior cannot and will not be tolerated," Wacker said. "We have specific rules that all members of our program must follow and serious violations of those rules have and will lead to immediate dismissal."

Dienhart also announced the suspension of Billy Cockerham, a redshirt freshman quarterback, in connection with the incident that produced Justice's dismissal.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FINISHES 25TH IN FINAL SEARS DIRECTOR CUP STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota finished 25th in the third annual Sears Directors Cup standings. The competition recognizes the finest all-around athletic programs in the nation. Minnesota improved from a 31st place finish last season.

The all-sports award, presented by Sears and the National Association of Directors of Collegiate Athletics (NACDA), honors the Division I school with the best performance in 10 core sports for men, 10 core sports for women and one wild card sport for each.

Directors Cup points are based on national tournament finishes. The national champion in a sport earns 64 points, second gets 63, etc. In the case of a tie, the total points for the place are divided between the number of schools involved in the tie.

The Golden Gophers earned points in the following sports:

Women's Soccer (17th, 44.5)
Men's Wrestling (19th, 46)
Women's Gymnastics (27th, 36.5)
Men's Hockey (5th, 58.5)
Men's Swimming and Diving (12th, 53)
Women's Swimming and Diving (15th, 50)
Men's Tennis (9th, 52.5)
Women's Tennis (23rd, 36.5)
Men's Track and Field (58th, 4.5)
Women's Track and Field (19th, 46)
Women's Softball (25th, 36.5)

Final Sears Directors Cup Standings: 1. Stanford 961.5; 2. UCLA 836; 3. Florida 731.5; 4. Texas 700; 5. Michigan 689; 6. North Carolina 673.5; 7. Arizona 629.5; 8. Penn State 626; 9. Nebraska 623; 10. USC 598.5; 11. Notre Dame 566.5; 12. Georgia 561.5; 13. Tennessee 559; 14. SMU 536.5; 15. Wisconsin 530; 16. Texas A&M 524.5; 17. Arizona State 521.5; 18. LSU 515; 19. Auburn 512.5; 20. Ohio State 499; 21. Virginia 495.5; 22. Princeton 482.5; 23. Florida State 478.5; 24. Colorado 477.5; 25. Minnesota 464.5



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GOPHERS SIGN LAWRENCE TO LETTER OF INTENT

University of Minnesota Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson announced today that Brett Lawrence of Sandpoint, Idaho, has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Minnesota.


Lawrence is a four-time Idaho state champion and has placed eighth in the Junior Nationals at 114.5 pounds. He is one of the top lightweight recruits in the country and hails from the same high school as current U of M junior Zac Taylor.

“Brett is exactly the kind of person that we are looking for,” said Robinson. “He’s a great student athlete; a four-time state champion and a 4.0 student. What else can you say except that he’s a person with great character and a great work ethic.”

MEDIA NOTE: Lawrence appeared in “Faces in the Crowd” in the May 6, 1996 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a stylized gopher wearing a dark sweater with a white letter "M" on the chest, and it has its right arm raised in a fist. The mascot is also holding a football in its left hand. The entire title and mascot graphic is set against a background of horizontal lines.

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GOPHERS WRESTLING SIGNS BENJAMIN, KREBS AND HOWARD

University of Minnesota Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson announced today that Josh Krebs of Minot, N.D., Kenny Howard of Mandan, N.D., and Shelton Benjamin of Lassen Community College have signed National Letters of Intent to attend the University of Minnesota.

Krebs is a three-time North Dakota state champion and brother of current U of M 158-pound redshirt freshman Jesse Krebs. Josh Krebs is expected to wrestle at 142 pounds for the Gophers. Howard is also a North Dakota state champion and recently placed fourth at the high school national tournament.

Benjamin earned a NJCAA National Championship this year at heavyweight, and was the NJCAA National Champion at 100m at the 1995 Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He is a native of Orangeburg, S.C., and comes from the same junior college as Gerald Carr, who was an NCAA qualifier for the Gophers at 167 pounds this season.

"Shelton will come in and help out right away by stepping in for Billy Pierce," said Robinson. "Josh and Kenny will also contribute down the road. They all have great work ethics and will be welcome additions to our program."

Benjamin, Krebs and Howard join Brett Lawrence of Sandpoint, Idaho, as part of the 1996 Golden Gopher recruiting class.



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U HOCKEY SIGNS CORY MILLER TO LETTER OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota hockey team has received a national letter of intent from Cory Miller of Bloomington, Minn., indicating his plans to attend the U of M and play hockey for the Golden Gophers beginning next season.

Miller, who is a 1994 graduate of Bloomington Kennedy High School, is a 5-10, 165-pound forward who scored 21 goals and registered 29 assists during the regular season for the Rochester Mustangs of the USHL in 1995-96. He led the USHL in goals during the playoffs, netting 15 goals and assisting on 12 others for 27 points in 22 post-season games. Miller had 12 goals and 14 assists for the Mustangs in 43 games during the 1994-95 season.

“Cory is an outstanding hockey player who was one of the top players in the USHL playoffs this past season,” said Golden Gopher Assistant Coach Mike Guentzel. “He gives us another quality player who is capable of putting the puck in the net and will be a nice addition to our program.”

The signing gives the Golden Gophers a total of eight recruits. Centers Dave Spehar and Rico Pagel, defensemen Ben Clymer, Ryan Trebil, and Mike Lyons, and goaltender Eric Day all signed early-period tenders last November, with forward Nate Miller signing during the spring signing period in May.



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DUNGY RECEIVES U OF M DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Tony Dungy, the former Golden Gopher football star and current head coach of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, received the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Distinguished Service Award in ceremonies Thursday evening at the Minneapolis Hilton.

The award is given to those who exhibit outstanding service, leadership and/or representation of Men's Athletics. Dungy joins Paul Giel, John Harris, Tom Lehman, Paul Molitor, Robert Stein, Murray Warmath, Ed Widseth and Dave Winfield as recipients of the honor.

"Anytime you're honored by your alma mater in such a way it's special," Dungy said. "To be included in such a distinguished group that already includes the likes of Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor to name just a few makes it even more special. It's quite an honor and something that's very overwhelming."

"The Distinguished Service Award is the most significant honor the department can bestow on one of its own," said Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart. "It is given to an individual whose accomplishments reflect honor or distinction on the University and Men's Athletics. It goes without saying that Tony is very deserving of this award."

Dungy, a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection who earned a bachelor's degree from the "U" in business administration, quarterbacked the Golden Gophers from 1973-76. He finished his career as the school's all-time leader in pass attempts (576), completions (274), passing yards (3,515), TD passes (25) and total offense (4,680). When he finished his collegiate career, he ranked fourth in Big Ten history in total offense. In fact, he is still ranked in the school's top 10 in all five categories.

As a junior in 1975, Dungy set a then school record with 15 TD passes. He also finished that season ranked fifth in the nation in both total offense and passing. A two-time team MVP and team captain as a senior in 1976, he played in the East-West Shrine game, the Hula Bowl and the Japan Bowl.

Dungy began his NFL playing career in 1977 with the Pittsburgh Steelers. A member of the 1979 Steelers' Super Bowl championship team, he also played one season for the San Francisco 49ers before beginning his coaching career as defensive backs coach at the "U" in 1980.

In 1981 he became the youngest assistant coach in the the NFL when he joined the Steelers' defensive staff at the age of 25. In 1984 at the age of 28, he became the youngest coordinator in the league when the Steelers selected him to run their defense. After eight seasons in Pittsburgh, he served as defensive backs coach for the Kansas City Chiefs from 1989-91.

From 1992-95, Dungy returned to Minnesota where he was the highly successful defensive coordinator for the Vikings. He was named head coach of the Buccaneers on Jan. 22, 1996.

Active in charitable organizations, Tony and his wife Lauren have three children; daughter Tiara and sons James and Eric.

MEDIA NOTE: Tonight's events get underway at the Hilton with a 6 p.m. social, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:45 p.m.



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Track	Niles Deneen	So	3.17	Pre-Design Comm.	St. Paul, Minn.
Track	Kevin Dunbar	Jr	3.50	Pre-IDIM	Brockville, Ontario
Track	Neal Janquart	Sr	3.74	Physiology/Biology	Wauwatosa, Wis.
Track	Travis Nordrum	Sr	3.22	Kinesiology	Bloomer, Wis.
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Hockey	Jesse Bertogliat	Sr	3.00	Forest Prod. Market.	Cloquet, Minn.
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Hockey	Jason Godbout	So	3.25	Pre-IDIM	Woodbury, Minn.
Hockey	Dan Hendrickson Jr	Jr	3.05	Management	Richfield, Minn.
Hockey	Ryan Kraft	So	3.15	Pre-Dental	Moorhead, Minn.
Hockey	Brian LaFleur	Jr	3.11	Management	Bloomington, Minn.
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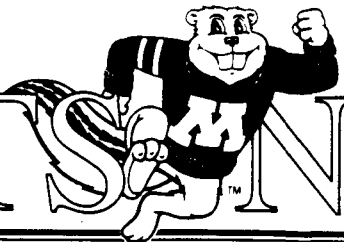
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BERNIE ZERUHN HONORED WITH NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

University of Minnesota senior swimmer Bernie Zeruhn has received a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA.

This season, Zeruhn helped the Golden Gopher swimming and diving team to its first Big Ten title since 1926, winning three individual conference titles. Zeruhn earned All-American honors after an eighth-place finish in the 200 freestyle at the NCAA Championships.

The Hamburg, Germany native was honored as GTE Co-Academic All America of the year. Zeruhn was also honored as the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor recipient, which honors excellence both in the classroom and in athletics.

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News Advisory and Photo Op

Golden Gopher Coaches, Staff To Appear At Oaks Country Club in Hayfield

A number of coaches and administrative staff members of the University of Minnesota Men's Department of Athletics will be on hand at a Williams Fund golf event at Oaks Country Club in Hayfield on Monday, July 8.

The golf event is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. A social hour will begin after golf is completed, around 6:30 p.m., with a dinner and program to follow at 7 p.m.


Scheduled to appear at dinner are J Robinson (head wrestling coach), Fred Roethlisberger (head gymnastics coach and father of Olympian John Roethlisberger, Bill Brown (assistant basketball coach) and Don Yanowsky or Jim Zorn (assistant football coaches). In addition, Director of Athletics Mark Dienhart will be golfing as well as appearing at the dinner.

All of the above will be available to the media. The best time to catch the coaches will be before dinner. You can catch Dienhart at that time as well.

Greg Capell from the U of M office of media relations will also be in attendance, and will be happy to help arrange any interviews or answer any questions. He can be reached at 612/625-9525.



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P.J. PRIEST NAMED MEN'S ASSISTANT TENNIS COACH

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has named P.J. Priest as its Assistant Men's Tennis Coach. Priest replaces Roger Anderson, who is leaving the position to attend Tulane University Medical School this fall.

Priest is a 1991 graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he was a team captain and Midwest Invitational Division III singles and doubles champion in 1990 and 1991. His most recent experience has been as Head Tennis Professional at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn. He has also served as a tennis professional at Wayzata Country Club and Northwest Racquet Club, and has coached at the prep level at Breck High School and St. Anthony High School.

"P.J. brings a great deal of enthusiasm and tennis knowledge to the position," said Golden Gopher Head Coach David Geatz. "I am extremely pleased and excited to have P.J. on board as a member of our staff and feel he will be a good fit for our program."



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1996-97 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota announced it's 1996-97 men's basketball schedule today. The Golden Gophers will open the season with a pair of exhibition games on Nov. 7 and 14 (teams TBA), followed by the regular season home opener vs. Stephen F. Austin on Nov. 23. The Maroon and Gold will then host West Virginia on Nov. 26 at the Target Center, before traveling to San Juan, Puerto Rico for the San Juan Shootout (Nov. 29-Dec. 1). The bracket for that tournament has not been set, but the field consists of Clemson, Missouri, Florida, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Creighton, Delaware, Minnesota, and host University of Puerto Rico.

Following that trip, the Golden Gophers will play at Alabama (Dec. 5), host St. John's (Dec. 15), and travel to Rhode Island (Dec. 17) and Nebraska (Dec. 21). Following that they will return to Williams Arena to close out the nonconference schedule against Alabama State (Dec. 23), Long Island (Dec. 28), and Mercer (Dec. 31).

The Maroon and Gold open the Big Ten season at home vs. arch-rival Wisconsin (Jan. 2), but play four of the next five games on the road. They follow that with a mixed stretch of three home games and three road games before finishing the regular season with four of their final six games within the friendly confines of Williams Arena.

Due to the unbalanced schedule in the Big Ten conference, Minnesota will play Penn State and Northwestern only once. They travel to Evanston, Ill. on Feb. 1 to play the Wildcats and host the Nittany Lions on Feb. 5.

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Nov. 7	Exhibition
Nov. 14	Exhibition
Nov. 23	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
Nov. 26	WEST VIRGINIA (Target Center)
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	@ San Juan Shootout, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Dec. 5	@ Alabama
Dec. 15	ST. JOHN'S
Dec. 17	@ Rhode Island
Dec. 21	@ Nebraska
Dec. 23	ALABAMA STATE
Dec. 28	LONG ISLAND
Dec. 31	MERCER
Jan. 2	WISCONSIN
Jan. 4	@ Michigan State
Jan. 8	@ Indiana
Jan. 11	MICHIGAN
Jan. 14	@ Illinois
Jan. 18	@ Ohio State
Jan. 23	IOWA
Jan. 25	PURDUE
Feb. 1	@ Northwestern
Feb. 5	PENN STATE
Feb. 12	@ Purdue
Feb. 15	@ Iowa
Feb. 19	OHIO STATE
Feb. 22	ILLINOIS
Feb. 26	@ Michigan
Mar. 1	INDIANA
Mar. 6	MICHIGAN STATE
Mar. 8	@ Wisconsin



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1996-97 MEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota has released its 1996-97 36-game regular season men's hockey schedule. The season opens on Oct. 12 with the Hall of Fame exhibition game against Boston University at the Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., with the regular season opener slated for Oct. 18 as the Golden Gophers host three-time defending WCHA regular season champion Colorado College at Mariucci Arena.

Due to the unbalanced schedule in the WCHA, the Golden Gophers will not travel to Denver and will not host Alaska-Anchorage during the 1996-97 season. They will host and travel to all the other WCHA opponents for two-game, weekend contests.

The Golden Gophers, along with conference foe Wisconsin and CCHA rivals Michigan and Michigan State will again comprise the field for the College Hockey Showcase, to be held Nov. 29-30 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich. Minnesota will host Boston College, Clarkson, and Miami University at the fifth annual Dodge/Mariucci Classic on Dec. 27-28 at Mariucci Arena. The schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Saturday, October 12	vs. Boston Univ. (Hall of Fame)	Target Center	7 p.m.
Friday, October 18	COLORADO COLLEGE	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 19	COLORADO COLLEGE	Mariucci Arena	8 p.m.
Friday, October 25	@Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 26	@Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7 p.m.
Friday, November 1	@Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 2	@Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7 p.m.
Friday, November 8	NORTH DAKOTA	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 9	NORTH DAKOTA	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, November 16	MICHIGAN TECH	Mariucci Arena	1 p.m.
Sunday, November 17	MICHIGAN TECH	Mariucci Arena	1 p.m.
Friday, November 22	@Northern Michigan	Marquette, Mich.	6 p.m.
Saturday, November 23	@Northern Michigan	Marquette, Mich.	6 p.m.
Friday, November 29	College Hockey Showcase	Detroit, Mich.	
Saturday, November 30	vs. Michigan	Joe Louis Arena	3:30 p.m.
	College Hockey Showcase	Detroit, Mich.	
	vs. Michigan State	Joe Louis Arena	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 14	@St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	ST. CLOUD STATE	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, December 27	MARIUCCI CLASSIC	Minneapolis, Minn.	
	Clarkson vs. Miami University	Mariucci Arena	4 p.m.
	Boston College vs. Minnesota	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
	Third Place/Championship Game	Mariucci Arena	4/7 p.m.
Saturday, December 28	INTERNATIONAL GAME (exh.)	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Monday, December 30	@Alaska-Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10 p.m.
Friday, January 3	@Alaska-Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10 p.m.
Saturday, January 4	DENVER	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, January 10	DENVER	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, January 11	@St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7 p.m.
Friday, January 17	ST. CLOUD STATE	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, January 18	@Michigan Tech	Houghton, Mich.	6:30 p.m.
Friday, January 24	@Michigan Tech	Houghton, Mich.	6 p.m.
Saturday, January 25	@North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 31	@North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 1	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, February 7	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 8	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, February 14	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Saturday, February 15	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, February 21	@Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 22	@Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	3 p.m.
Friday, February 28	WISCONSIN	Target Center	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 1	WISCONSIN	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9		WCHA First Round Playoffs	
Thursday, March 13 - Saturday, March 15		WCHA Final Five	St. Paul Civic Center
Thursday, March 20 - Saturday, March 22		NCAA Regionals	
Thursday, March 27 - Saturday, March 29		NCAA Semifinals/Championship	Milwaukee, Wis.

Home Games Designated in Caps --- All game times are Central



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GOLDEN GOPHER TRADITION TOUR BEGINS FRIDAY IN DULUTH

Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart and Head Football Coach Jim Wacker will headline the 1996 Golden Gopher Tradition Tour which begins its four-day, nine-city northern Minnesota excursion in Duluth Friday.

Sponsored by Dairy Queen and coordinated in conjunction with local civic groups and radio stations, this year's caravan will visit Duluth and Onamia Friday, Little Falls, Glenwood, Sauk Centre and Wadena Saturday, and Detroit Lakes and Bemidji Sunday. The concluding stop of the caravan will be Monday in Grand Rapids with a Williams Fund Golf Event at Pokegama Golf Course.

For specific times and places for each individual city, call Shawn Devine or Sue Rubens of the U of M Sales and Promotions Office at (612) 626-2222.

Golden Gopher Tradition Tour (Day-by-Day)

Friday - Duluth, Onamia
Saturday - Little Falls, Glenwood, Sauk Centre, Wadena
Sunday - Detroit Lakes, Bemidji
Monday - Grand Rapids

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1996 Gopher Tradition Tour Sponsored by Dairy Queen

Final Itinerary

Friday, July 19

Duluth * (Shawn Devine)
Onamia - Dairy Queen
Onamia - Sue Rubens

Monday, July 22

Cass Lake - Dairy Queen
Grand Rapids - Dairy Queen
Grand Rapids* (Teresa Dusbabek)

Saturday, July 20

Little Falls (Shawn Devine)
Glenwood (Teresa Dusbabek)
Glenwood - Dairy Queen
Sauk Centre* - (Marc Rood)
Wadena (Marc Rood)

Sunday, July 21

Detroit Lakes* (Sue Rubens)
Park Rapids - Dairy Queen
Bemidji* (Sue Rubens)
Bemidji - Dairy Queen

* Indicate MNN Gopher Radio Affiliate

The names listed behind each city refer to the Gopher Sales Staff member that will be coordinating each stop.

Official Party

Dr. McKinley Boston
Dr. Marvin Marshak
Dr. Mark Dienhart
Jim Wacker
Paul Flatley
Laura Niemi
Shawn Devine
Teresa Dusbabek
Marc Rood
Sue Rubens
Steve Kelly

V.P. for Student Development and Athletics
Senior Vice President
Director of Men's Athletics
Head Football Coach
Gopher Football Radio Color Analyst
Minnesota News Network
Sales Representative
Sales Representative
Sales Representative
Sales Representative
"Goldy" Mascot

1996 Tradition Tour

Final Update

Friday, July 19

Duluth

- 7:30am Meet in Bierman Parking Lot
(lot with Meters across from McDonalds)
- 7:45am Depart from Bierman
(150 miles to Duluth)
- 10:30am Arrive in Duluth at Grandma's Sports
Garden 425 Lake Avenue South

Events

- 10:45 - 11:45 • Reception in 3rd Floor Armchair Room with new Gopher radio affiliate WEBC and their radio sponsors (40 guests).
• Mingle with sponsors, short informal talks from podium
• WEBC radio carries Gopher Football and Hockey
- 11:45 - 12:15 • Buffet lunch served downstairs in main dining area. Caravan members will eat on stage with representatives from UMD.
- 12:15 - 1:15 **Gopher/Bulldog Sports Luncheon Program**
This program will feature:
• UMD - Hockey Coach Mike Sertich, Football Coach Jim Malosky, A.D. Bruce McLeod
• U of M - Hockey Coach Doug Woog, Football Coach Jim Wacker, A.D. Mark Dienhart, Dr. Boston, Dr. Marshak
• Emcee Paul Flatley
- 1:15 - 2:00 Press Conference in 3rd Floor Armchair Room
Media: KBJR-TV6 (NBC), KDLH-TV3 (CBS),
WDIO-TV10 (ABC), WEBC Radio, Duluth News Tribune
- Contact:** Mike Adams General Manager Grandma's Sports Garden
(218)722-4727
- Directions:** Take 35W North into Duluth and take Lake Avenue Exit take Lake Avenue approx. 3 blocks and you will see The Sports Garden on the right hand side across from a large parking lot (near bridge).

Must depart Duluth no later than 2:15 pm

Friday, July 19

Onamia

2:15 - 4:30 Drive to Onamia (140 miles)
4:30pm arrive at Dairy Queen in Onamia
4:50pm depart Dairy Queen
4:55pm arrive at Izatys Resort in Onamia

Events

- 4:30 Dairy Queen Stop 38664 US Hwy 169
Contact: Craig and Judy Hagman 612-532-3499
• Present operators with Gopher Hat, eat, mingle
• Dairy Queen is sponsoring the Tradition Tour
- 4:55 Arrive at Izatys Resort
• Check into rooms
- 6:00 Social Hour Begins
Outside on the deck off the main dining area
• Joining us at social hour will be corporate sponsors who played golf during the day, as well as MICA staff who played.
(sponsors from Coke, Dairy Queen and Miller Brewing)
- 7:00 Dinner - Seafood Buffet
- 8:00 Program featuring:
• Dr. Boston, Dr. Marshak, Dr. Dienhart, Coach Wacker, and Paul Flatley
- Media:** KLIZ Radio - Brainerd Dave Torkelson (218)829-2853
Brainerd Dispatch Mike Bialka (218)829-4705
Mille Lacs Messenger Bob Statz (320)676-3123
- Contact:** Karen Lowry General Manager Izatys Resort
1-800-533-1728
- Directions:** 35 South to 210 West (Black Bear Casino Exit)
to 65 South (before McGregor)
to 18 West, to 47 South, to 27 West to Izatys Road
To Dairy Queen get on 169

Must depart Izatys no later than 8:45am on Saturday

Saturday, July 20

Little Falls

8:45 - 9:45 Drive to Little Falls (42 miles)
9:45 Arrive in Little Falls
Events held at High School Field
(gym available in case of bad weather)

Events

- 10:00 Punt, pass and kick, 7 on 7 football and mini clinic being put on by the high school coaches.
Caravan participants will mingle with kids
- 11:00 Short program held with kids/parents etc. will be sitting on Football field bleachers. Microphone will be provided.
- 11:30 Program concludes/Depart for Glenwood

Media: Al Windsberger - WYRQ Radio
Larry Ehoff - Morrison County Record

Contact: Myron Ahle - Community Education
(320)632-2348

Directions: Take Hwy 27 West to 9th St. Exit take right go past Hardees and high school field on right hand side and take left, take left into high school lot

Must depart Little Falls no later than 11:30am

Saturday, July 20

Glenwood

11:30 - 1:00 Drive to Glenwood (63 miles)
1:00 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 Pope County Museum Opening
2:30 - 3:15 Punt, Pass, and Kick
3:25 - 3:45 Dairy Queen stop

Events

- 1:00 Lunch for Gopher Staff only, provided by KMGK Radio
- 1:30 Pope County Museum Gopher Display opens to public
- Museum filled with memorabilia commemorating the athletes from the Glenwood/Alexandria who attended U of M
 - Radio and Newspaper interviews at this time
 - Short program may take place at this time
- 2:30 Punt, Pass and Kick Competition
- Held on field that is adjacent to the Museum
 - Talk to kids, prize drawings
- 3:15 Depart Museum
- 3:25 Dairy Queen Stop 243 W. Main St.
Contact: "Keenie" Bodeker (612)634-4906
- Present operator with Gopher Hat, eat, mingle

Media: Steve Nester - KMGK Radio
(612)634-5358
Pope County Tribune John Stone
(612)634-4571

Event Sponsors: KMGK Magic 107 (Glenwood)
KSTQ Lakes 99.3 (Alexandria)
American Business Forms

Directions: Take Hwy 27 West to Hwy 28 West into town
take left on Franklin to lake shore drive and
museum is on left

Must depart Glenwood no later than 3:45pm

Saturday, July 20

Sauk Centre

3:45 - 4:15 Drive to Sauk Centre (25 miles)
4:15 Arrive in Sauk Centre

Events

- 4:15 "Sinclair Lewis Days" in Sauk Centre
- Radio station will do live program on band shell stage
 - Prize giveaways, balloons handed out, etc.

5:15 Depart Sauk Centre

Media: Steve Nester KMSR Radio
(612)352-5358
Mark Klaphake Sauk Centre
(612)352-6577

Contact: Lisa Long Chamber of Commerce
(612)352-5201

Directions: Take 28 East to Sauk Centre through town
take left just past Legion Hall, park is on right

Must depart Sauk Centre no later than 5:15pm

Saturday, July 20

Wadena

5:15 - 6:30 Drive to Wadena (65 miles)
6:30 Arrive in Wadena, check in hotel
7:00 Dinner at Wadena County Fair
8:00 Program

Events

- 6:30 Check into hotel, accommodations at Best Western Wadena
(hotel is within walking distance of Fairgrounds, 2 blocks)
- 7:00 Dinner at County Fair
- Beef feed at Wadena County Fair, put on by 4-H club
- 8:00 Program at County Fair
- Radio station will set up small stage for program
 - Prizes, giveaways, etc

Media: Dan Skogen Radio (218)631-1803
Randy Mohs Newspaper (218)631-2561

Contact: Dale Heins Wadena County Fair 1-800-958-3056

Directions: Take 71 North out of Sauk Centre
71 turns into Jefferson St. in Wadena
take 1st left (Birch St.) once past Hwy 10
Fairgrounds on right side 4 blocks from Jefferson
Hotel is on right side of Hwy 10

Must depart Wadena no later than 10:30am

Sunday, July 21

Detroit Lakes

10:30 - 11:45 Drive to Detroit Lakes (50 miles)
12:00 Media program at Bonanza
1:00 Water Carnival Parade
3:15 - 4:15 Drive to Park Rapids (40 miles)
4:15 Dairy Queen stop in Park Rapids

Events

12:00 Media Program held at Bonanza Restaurant
• Newspaper and Radio present
• Gopher Staff will eat at this time
Contact: General Manager Greg (218)847-2884

1:00 Water Carnival Parade
• U of M will have Van in parade
• "Goldy" and sales staff will hand out balloons, schedules
• Dr. Dienhart, Dr. Boston, Paul Flatley, Jim Wacker will not participate in parade

3:15 Depart Detroit Lakes

4:15 Dairy Queen stop in Park Rapids Hwy 34 East
contact: Kim and Doug Petrie (218)732-5947

Media: Andy Lia KDLM Radio
(218)847-5624
Ralph Anderson Detroit Lakes Tribune
(218)847-3151

Contact: April Foltz Parade Captain
(218)847-7313

Directions: To Detroit Lakes: Hwy 10 West
Bonanza is located on Hwy 10 and Summit Ave.
To Park Rapids Hwy 34 East

Must depart Detroit Lakes no later than 3:15pm
Must depart Park Rapids no later than 4:30pm

Sunday, July 21

Bemidji

4:30 - 5:50 Drive to Bemidji (48 miles)
5:30 Check into Hotel
6:00 Dinner at Bemidji Middle School
7:30 Program
9:00 Dairy Queen stop

Events

5:30 Check into Northern Inn in Bemidji
6:00 Dinner held at Bemidji Middle School
• Dinner is being sponsored by Bemidji Football Booster Club
7:30 Program with drawings, etc
9:00 Dairy Queen stop 700 Paul Bunyan Drive
Contact: Mike Magnan (218)751-2108

Media: Kevin Jackson KBUN Radio
(218)751-4120
Jim Carrington The Pioneer (218)751-3740
John McRae Buyline/Newsline (218)759-1139

Directions: From Park Rapids take Hwy 71 North
To Northern Inn: take Hwy 71 North, approaching
Bemidji take the Hwy 2/Hwy 71 overpass (head towards
Crookston/Grand Rapids) to Hwy 2 West will run into it.
To Bemidji Middle School: Take Hwy 2 east, to intersection
of Hwy 71 and Hwy 2 - look for Target, take a right turn before
Target, proceed on Middle School Road until you see the sign
For Bemidji Middle School, take a left.

Must depart Bemidji no later than 9:00am

Monday, July 22

Grand Rapids

9:00 - 10:00 Drive to Cass Lake
10:00 Dairy Queen stop
10:15 - 11:15 Drive to Grand Rapids
11:15 Dairy Queen stop
11:35 Arrive at Pokegema Golf Course
12:00 Williams Fund Shotgun
6:00 Dinner at Golf Course
7:30 Depart Grand Rapids
11:30 Arrive at Bierman

Events

10:00 Dairy Queen stop Cass Lake Hwy 2
Contact: Lowell Jevning (218)335-2908

11:15 Dairy Queen stop Grand Rapids 615 4th St. N.E.
Contact: Steve Hutchins (218)326-4906

12:00 William Fund Golf Shotgun

3:00 Coach Wacker Radio interview at Golf Course

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Depart for home

Media Contact: Dale Randal KOZY Radio
(218)326-3446

Directions: To Cass Lake Hwy 2 East
To Grand Rapids stay on Hwy 2 East

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MEMORANDUM

July 15, 1996

TO: Coach Wacker

FROM: Marc Ryan

RE: Football Media Day

The 1996 Golden Gopher Football Media Day will be held Friday, August 16 from approximately 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Metrodome. A tentative time/event schedule is listed below. If any additions/deletions need to be made to the schedule, please notify me ASAP. Thanks!

Tentative Time Schedule:

11 a.m.	Food service begins in Vikings Lounge Team buses depart for 'Dome
11:10 a.m.	Team buses arrive at 'Dome; players and coaches proceed down field ramp to field level
11:15 a.m.	Player/group photos begin on field level (Wendell will circulate exact schedule to coaching staff)
11:30 a.m.	Media luncheon begins with Coach Wacker in Viking Lounge
Noon	Announcements
12:05 p.m.	Coach Wacker addresses the media
12:45 p.m.	Media members move from Viking Lounge down to field level to begin one-on-one interviews with players/coaches
2 p.m.	Team buses and media depart

cc: Boston, Dienhart, Schemmel, Buell, Forcica, Fahey, Alfton, DeBesse, Rose, Fobbs, Rosburg, Shaw, Sumlin, Tommerdahl, Yanowsky, Zorn, Rohde, Hartman, Jones, McClintock, Locy, Millikin, Stroessner, Kimlinger, Baumgartner, Brandt, Leonard, Crumley, Ruitter, Capell, Vandersluis, Marcus, Zwach, Bacher, Christman, R. Lundin, Unstad, Graupmann, Simmons, Anderson, Schoemann.



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TO: Dennis Alfton
FROM: Marc Ryan
RE: Football Media Day
DATE: July 16, 1996

As we have discussed, Golden Gopher Football Media Day will be held on Friday, August 16 from approximately 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Metrodome. Just a few reminders I'd like to run by you:

Parking: The main upper level parking lot at the Metrodome.

Entrance: Media members should be able to enter the building through the door near the Vikings' ticket office; the team buses need to be able to park near the loading dock and then the players and coaches will access the field through the field ramp.

Viking Lounge: We will need the Viking Lounge from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A table with a flat surface to accomodate tape recorders and microphones will also be needed.

Food Service: I will talk with Tom Ramsey about food service.

Field Level: We will need access to the field from the Viking Lounge, down the east stands, and onto the field. So we need a couple of the portable stairways from the stands onto the field. We would like to keep the field as clear as possible.

Scoreboard: We would like to have "Minnesota 1996" and the team helmet on the scoreboard as usual.

Platforms: The platforms on which the players will stand for the team photo (Wendell Vandersluis, our photographer, should be in contact with you regarding this matter).

Tentative Time Schedule:

11 a.m. Food service begins in Vikings Lounge
11:10 a.m. Team buses arrive
11:15 a.m. Player photos begin on field level
11:30 a.m. Media luncheon begins with Coach Wacker in Viking Lounge
12:45 p.m. Media members move from Viking Lounge down to field level
2 p.m. Team buses and media depart

cc: Dienhart, Wacker, DeBesse, Rose, Schemmel, Forcica, Rohde, Crumley, Ruitter, Capell, Vandersluis, Marcus, Zwach



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TEICHMAN TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota announced today that Marc Teichman will attend the University and participate in Men's Swimming and Diving.

Teichman is a native of Marquette, Mich. where he attended Marquette Senior High School. Some of his accomplishments include being named a YMCA All-American in 1996, a YMCA national qualifier in 1994, 1995, and 1996, and a YMCA state record holder in the 800 free relay in 1994.

Minnesota Swimming and Diving Assistant Coach Clark Campbell is excited about having Teichman on the team. "Marc should improve tremendously in our program. He is a relatively untapped swimmer who shows great promise," said Campbell. "We have a great history of athletes coming to Minnesota and becoming solid contributors to our team. We expect Marc to continue the tradition."



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August 13, 1996

GOLDEN GOPHER FRESHMEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Coach Jim Wacker's University of Minnesota football team will begin practice sessions Wednesday when the freshmen take the field at the Bierman Football Complex. The first full squad practices are Saturday.

A reminder to all media that the '96 Golden Gopher Media Day will be held Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Vikings Lounge at the Metrodome. If you have not already done so, please notify the Media Relations Office at (612) 625-4090 if you plan to attend.

The Golden Gophers open the '96 season on Sept. 7 at Northeast Louisiana. The practice schedule for this week is listed below:

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|-----------------------|---|
| Wednesday, August 14: | Freshmen (9:30 - 11 a.m.; 3 - 5 p.m.) |
| Thursday, August 15: | Freshmen (8 - 9:30 a.m.; 4 - 5:30 p.m.) |
| Friday, August 16: | Media Day (11:30 a.m., Metrodome) |
| Saturday, August 17: | Full Squad (7:30 - 9:30 a.m.; 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) |
| Sunday, August 18: | Full Squad (3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) |

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July 29, 1996

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR AUGUST 16

The 1996 University of Minnesota Football Media Day will be held on Friday, August 16 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Media parking will be available in the upper level press lot. Enter the building through the door next to the Vikings' ticket office.

A special luncheon will get things underway in the lounge area near the football press box. Head Coach Jim Wacker will be on hand to visit with the media and discuss the upcoming season. Following that, all members of the Golden Gophers' coaching staff and squad will be available for interviews and photos on the field.

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page to Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations, so we can estimate our luncheon count and prepare 1996 media credentials. You can fax your response to (612) 625-0359 or mail it to: 516 15th Ave SE, 208 Bierman Building, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

No, _____ we will not be able to attend Media Day.

Yes, _____ we will attend Media Day.

_____ from _____

(media agency)

(city or community)

We will be represented by:

If space permits, we request: (number of) _____ '96 press credentials

(number of) _____ '96 photo credentials

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for the University of Minnesota football season, and we would like to pick up those credentials at the Metrodome on Media Day.

NOTE: If you requested such credentials a year ago and did not pick them up as directed or did not use them for every game, please do not make a similar request for 1996. If you are not able to cover all home games, please request your credentials on an individual game basis.



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GOPHER FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO APPEAR AT LOCAL CLINIC

Several Gopher football players will be teaching and coaching at the 1996 Gopher Boys Football Clinic on August 5 from 10 AM-2 PM at Minneapolis Edison High School and on August 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Minneapolis Roosevelt High School.


The clinics are open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys in Minneapolis. Minneapolis high school coaches will be running the clinic with the help of several Gopher football players. The cost of the clinic is \$1, including lunch and free giveaways at each location. Registration begins at 9 AM each day and is limited to the first 75 boys.

Highlighting the August 5 clinic is Gopher senior defensive tackle Jerome Davis. Gopher quarterback Cory Sauter will be coaching at the August 7 clinic. Several other Gopher players will be helping out at both locations.

For more information on this event call the What's Up? hotline at 399-9999. Roosevelt High School is located at 4029 28th Ave. S. Edison High School is located at 700 22nd Ave. N.E.

The event is sponsored by Athletes in Action, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Hospitality House Boys and Girls Club.

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August 1, 1996

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES SUN COUNTRY PROMO

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department, along with Sun Country Airlines, have announced a new promotion for 1996 Golden Gopher football season ticket holders.

Sun Country Airlines will provide two free certificates for discounted travel for every one Golden Gopher football season ticket purchased by Sept. 14, 1996. In addition, season ticket holders will receive other benefits such as deals on extra tickets to the Minnesota/Iowa game on Nov. 23, one free round of golf per account at the Les Bolstad U of M golf course, \$5 off the 1996 University of Minnesota football yearbook, and two free tickets to the ReliaStar Collegiate Golf Invitational at Hazeltine National on Sept. 14-16.

Season tickets are \$109 each for the public and a special \$36 buy one, get one free offer for U of M students. Tickets can be purchased at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 5, 1996

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR HALL OF FAME HOCKEY GAME

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has announced that tickets are currently on sale for the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game between the Golden Gophers and Boston University on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

These two highly successful college hockey programs are annual participants in the NCAA Tournament. Boston University has appeared in the last seven national tournaments, reaching the Final Four in each of the last four seasons. The Golden Gophers have the longest current NCAA appearance string in the nation, making their 12th consecutive trip to the NCAA's in the 1995-96 season. Minnesota, who finished at 30-10-2 a year ago, has advanced to the Final Four two of the last three seasons.

Proceeds from the exhibition game will benefit the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minn. Tickets, priced at \$13, \$11, and \$9, may be purchased at the Target Center ticket office, any Ticketmaster location or by calling Ticketmaster (612) 989-5151.

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TO: Media Outlets Covering Minnesota Football

FROM: Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations

RE: Media Services

DATE: August 16, 1996

Weekly Coach Wacker Media Luncheons

A weekly luncheon/news conference with Coach Jim Wacker will be held at **11:30 a.m. (Central)** on Tuesdays (except Sept. 24) throughout the season in the Bierman Building Student Learning Center, with the first one scheduled for Sept. 3. Media attending the luncheon will have the opportunity to participate in the weekly Big Ten coaches teleconference call. Parking is limited, but will be available in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building.

Weekly Big Ten Coaches Teleconference

The Big Ten coaches teleconference will take place every Tuesday throughout the season beginning at 11 a.m. Central. Each Big Ten coach will be available for 10 minutes to preview their upcoming game. Coach Wacker is scheduled from 12:40 to 12:50 p.m. Media should call (312) 864-5021 to participate. All times are Central

11 a.m. - John Cooper, Ohio State

Noon - Lou Tepper, Illinois

11:10 a.m. - Lloyd Carr, Michigan

12:10 p.m. - Jim Colletto, Purdue

11:20 a.m. - Bill Mallory, Indiana

12:20 p.m. - Joe Paterno, Penn State

11:30 a.m. - Nick Saban, Michigan State

12:30 p.m. - Gary Barnett, Northwestern

11:40 a.m. - Hayden Fry, Iowa

12:40 p.m. - Jim Wacker, Minnesota

11:50 a.m. - Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin

12:50 p.m. - Players of the Week (if available)

The entire teleconference will also be available for 48 hours after its completion by calling (402) 220-3077. Please do not release these phone numbers to the public.

Fax On Demand

One phone call from a fax machine handset allows instant access to the Big Ten member schools' up-to-date information (releases/game notes, statistics, depth charts, etc.). The information can be accessed by calling (770) 399-3066 and entering the Big Ten passcode #282. This is for media use only. The University of Minnesota football "cell" numbers are listed below:

#2202 Weekly release (includes notes, quotes, statistics, depth chart, etc.)

#2203 Cumulative team & individual statistics

#2206 Statistics from most recent game

#2207 Notes/depth chart

#2210 Alphabetical/numerical rosters

#2212 Honors candidates/signees list

Golden Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with coaches and players. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The Hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. Once again, do not release the number to the public.

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Golden Gopher Home Page

Information on the Golden Gophers is available via computer internet. Releases, statistics, late breaking news, etc. will be available at the following address:
<http://www.umn.edu/mica/>.


Media Credentials

Requests for working media credentials must be made in advance on letterhead to Marc Ryan. The Media Relations Office fax number is (612) 625-0359.

Coach Wacker/Player Interviews

In addition to his weekly media luncheons, Coach Wacker, whenever possible, makes himself available to the media (upon request through the Media Relations Office) from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, in the football building, and again after practice each day. When the Golden Gophers play at home, Coach Wacker (but not players) is available to the media immediately following Friday's workout. When the Golden Gophers play on the road, Coach Wacker is available to the media prior to Friday's walk-through at the stadium. No players are available and the walk-through is closed to the media. Requests for player interviews should be made through the Media Relations Office. Please allow 24 hours prior notice in order to facilitate arrangements.

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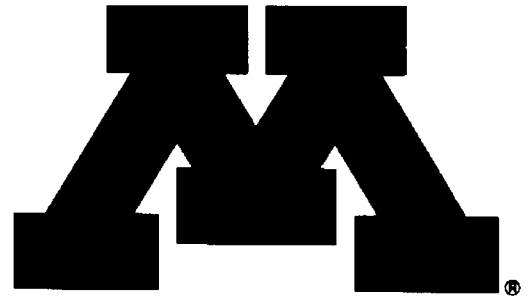
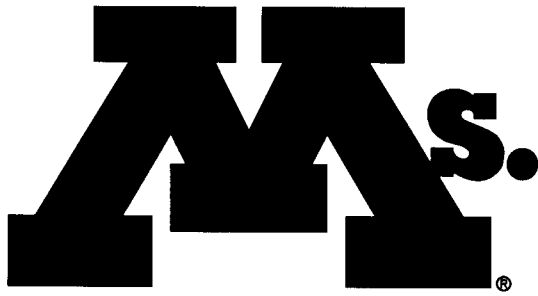
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August 16, 1996

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO BROADCAST GAMES ON AUDIONET

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department announced today that it will broadcast its 1996 football season on AudioNet. AudioNet is an on-line service available to computer users over the Internet and will make Golden Gopher broadcasts available to anyone with a computer and Internet connection world-wide.

For more information contact Jonathan Werre at 624-4345.



Contacts: Karen Smith/Women's Athletics-612-624-7039; Karin Anderson/Men's Athletics-612-625-4582; Eric Schubert/ReliaStar-612-831-3200

For Immediate Release

August 19, 1996

RELIASTAR TO BECOME A MAJOR SPONSOR OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ATHLETICS

Gopher Women's Hockey Gains Second Corporate Commitment

The University of Minnesota men's and women's athletic departments announced today that ReliaStar Financial Corp. signed on to become a lead sponsor of Gopher athletics for a two-year period beginning with the 1996-97 school year.

With this sponsorship package, ReliaStar becomes one of the top five financial contributors to men's and women's athletics at the University, with an overall first-year contribution of \$180,000, with an additional \$245,000 in annual broadcast media spending.

"We're extremely proud to have ReliaStar join the University of Minnesota sponsor family," said Vice President for the Office of Student Development @ Athletics, Dr. McKinley Boston. "ReliaStar's commitment will help increase visibility statewide for the University and contribute greatly to the student-athlete experience we offer."

As part of the sponsorship agreement, ReliaStar will continue as title sponsor of the ReliaStar Collegiate Golf Invitational, the country's best-attended men's collegiate golf invitational now in its second year. ReliaStar also will become a major sponsor of Gopher men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's hockey.

Through its contribution, ReliaStar becomes the second major corporate sponsor, along with Coca-Cola, to partner with the newly formed women's hockey program, which will begin play in 1997-98.

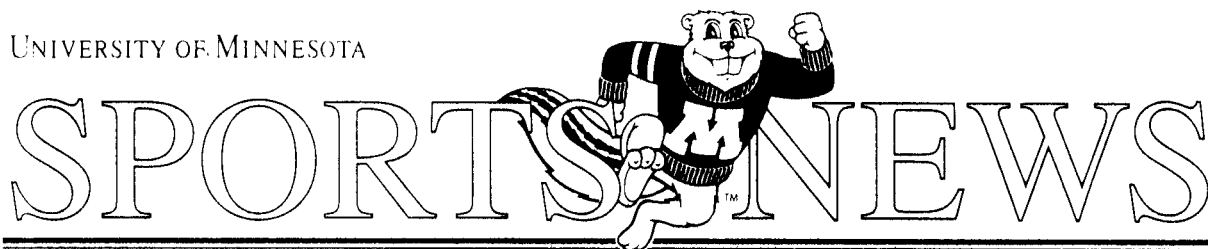
"We are thrilled with ReliaStar's commitment to Gopher athletics, especially to the women's hockey program," said Women's Athletics Director Chris Voelz. "ReliaStar's contribution to women's hockey helps ensure a solid foundation for our newest team, a team that promises to generate much excitement in the years ahead."

"ReliaStar is extremely pleased to be a partner of University of Minnesota athletics, and we are especially proud to be one of the inaugural sponsors of women's hockey," said John Turner, chairman and CEO of ReliaStar Financial Corp. "We hope our partnership will help showcase the success of men's and women's sports and their significant contribution to the University of Minnesota experience."

As part of its sponsorship, ReliaStar will host an all-athlete reunion in conjunction with the Gopher football home opener on Saturday, Sept. 14. The ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational also begins the same weekend, when the University hosts 11 top-ranked men's collegiate golf teams for a two-day tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

Founded in 1885, ReliaStar Financial Corp. (NYSE:RLR) is a Minneapolis-based holding company that provides financial security through individual annuities and life insurance, employee benefits, retirement plans, life and health reinsurance and mutual funds.

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August 21, 1996

KERR NAMED TO CANADIAN AMATEUR TEAM THAT WILL COMPETE IN WORLD AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

The University of Minnesota golf office announced today that junior All-American golfer Rob Kerr (Pointe Claire, Quebec) has been selected by the Royal Canadian Golf Association to compete in the World Amateur Tournament as a member of the Canadian Amateur team.

As a member of the four-man Canadian team, Kerr will play against amateur teams from across the world. The tournament will be held in Manila, Philippines and Hong Kong during the first two weeks of November.

Last season, Kerr won the NCAA Central Regional Tournament with a two-under par 211 to advance to the NCAA Finals.



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August 24, 1996

GOLDEN GOPHERS HOLD FIRST SCRIMMAGE OF THE SEASON

There were a number of outstanding performances on both sides of the ball as the Golden Gopher football team held its first scrimmage of the season Saturday at the Bierman Football Complex.

Behind the arm of junior quarterback Cory Sauter and the running of redshirt freshman Thomas Hamner, the offense marched 70 yards down the field for a touchdown on the scrimmage's first drive. Senior running back Tommy Watson notched the TD on a two-yard run. The top offensive unit was impressive once again on the very next drive which was capped by a 32-yard field goal by sophomore placekicker Adam Bailey.

Hamner led all rushers on the day with 99 yards on 10 carries, which included a sterling 45-yard run for a TD. Redshirt freshman running back Jim Bean, who also scored a TD on a 40-yard blocked punt return, had 72 yards rushing on 10 carries and a TD. True freshman quarterback Andy Persby connected on 8-of-12 pass attempts for 176 yards, including scoring strikes of 50 and 41 yards to true freshman receiver Luther Levenson. Persby tallied another TD on a 14-yard run. Senior quarterback Rob Jones also had a nice day, completing 8-of-16 pass attempts for 134 yards, including a 55-yard scoring aerial to sophomore split end Keith Dimmy.

The defense had its share of stars as well. Overall, the defense racked up a total of eight sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the day. Senior defensive tackle Jerome Davis and sophomore linebacker Parc Williams had 1.5 sacks apiece. Redshirt freshman cornerback Fred Rodgers and true freshman defensive lineman Dorian Dehnel picked off passes, while redshirt freshman linebacker Jude Wimberger and junior strong safety Mike Juszczak registered the fumble recoveries.

"I thought that Cory (Sauter) and the first offense looked very good," Golden Gopher Coach Jim Wacker said. "They took it 70 yards for a touchdown on the first drive of the scrimmage. Then they drove down and came away with a field goal on the very next drive. After that the first defense stiffened up and did a nice job the rest of the way. We also had an opportunity to give some of the youngsters guys a lot of reps today and they responded well. Overall, I was really pleased with our first scrimmage."

The Golden Gophers open the '96 season on Sept. 7 at Northeast Louisiana.

PASSING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Int</u>
Cory Sauter	3	8	37	0	0
Billy Cockerham	3	6	15	0	0
Sperguson Wynn III	6	10	69	0	0
Rob Jones	8	16	134	1	1
Andy Persby	8	12	176	2	1

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RECEIVING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
Ryan Thelwell	2	17	0
Greg Nelson	2	34	0
Kahlen Barnes	3	17	0
Ryan Hubbard	1	6	0
Tommy Watson	1	4	0
Lee Hutton	3	35	0
Jimmy Wyrick	1	6	0
Jim Bean	2	24	0
Lyman Myers III	3	32	0
Bo Wasurick	1	15	0
Keith Dimmy	1	55	1
Luther Levenson	4	124	2
Alex Hass	1	19	0
Adam Haayer	1	17	0
Kayne Borboa	2	26	0

RUSHING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
Thomas Hamner	10	99	1
Byron Evans	2	6	0
Tommy Watson	11	33	1
Billy Cockerham	7	-21	0
Cory Sauter	1	-12	0
Verdis Webb III	14	30	0
Jim Bean	10	72	1
Sperguson Wynn III	3	21	0
Rob Jones	4	11	0
Brad Prigge	8	25	0
Andy Persby	3	22	1
Chad Moeller	4	9	0

INTERCEPTIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>
Dorian Dehnel	1
Fred Rodgers	1

MADE FIELD GOALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yds</u>
Adam Bailey	32

TOUCHDOWNS

Watson 2 run (McManus PAT)
 Bean 40 blocked punt return (no PAT att)
 Hamner 45 run (Bailey PAT)
 Dimmy 55 pass from Jones (Bailey PAT)
 Bean 22 run (McManus PAT)
 Levenson 50 pass from Persby (Bailey PAT)
 Persby 14 run (pass failed)
 Levenson 41 pass from Persby (no PAT att)

MISSED FIELD GOALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yds</u>
Erin McManus	43, 39

SACKS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>
Jerome Davis	1.5
Parc Williams	1.5
Mari Moore	1
Don Williams	1
Jon Michals	1
Sean Hoffman	1
Lamanzer Williams	0.5
Tyrone Carter	0.5

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>
Jude Wimberger	1
Mike Juszcak	1

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August 26, 1996

GOOD SPORTS FOOTBALL CLINIC SET FOR SATURDAY

The University of Minnesota football coaching staff and team will conduct a "Good Sports" clinic for children between the ages of 8-13 Saturday at the Metrodome.

Sponsored by Circus Pizza and Fox 29, the free clinic is limited to the first 300 registered children. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, with the clinic scheduled from noon to 1 p.m.

The Golden Gophers' final scrimmage before the Sept. 7 season opener at Northeast Louisiana will begin at 1:30 p.m. Enter the Metrodome through Gate F.

For more information or to pre-register call (612) 625-4879.

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August 28, 1996

HOBEY BAKER WINNERS TO SIGN COMMEMORATIVE PRINT

A special event featuring the University of Minnesota's three Hobey Baker Memorial Award recipients will be held on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Gopher State Litho in Minneapolis. Gopher State Litho is located at 3232 East 40th Street. The event will be a stage to unveil the special 75th anniversary print which has recently been completed by local artist Terry Fogarty.

Neal Broten, Robb Stauber, and Brian Bonin will all be on hand beginning at 11 a.m. for approximately one hour to sign the first editions of the print, which will be available for purchase by 'M' men and season ticket holders. Public mail-order sale of the print will begin on Sept. 3.

Information on the public sale can be obtained by calling the University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department Williams Fund at (612) 625-1001.